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From Augusta.

Special Despatch to the Daily Whig and Courier.

Augusta, January 3.

The vacancies in the Senate were filled to-day by the election of the Democratic candidates.

The House sent to the Senate the names of Wells and Reed, and the Senate elected Wells Governor.

Reed is to be Treasurer of State, and Wells, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, and J. C. Manning are to go into the Council.

The Topics of the Message.

The greatest topic of the message is the state of our relations upon the Central American question, and upon this the President undoubtedly speaks the sentiments of the country, when he says that we cannot and ought not to submit to the extraordinary construction given to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by the British government, viz. that the provision of that treaty whereby both governments bound themselves not to colonize the territory of Central America, was to be merely prospective, and not operative, and not designed to effect existing establishments.

The construction, Mr. Clayton, who negotiated the treaty, has promptly repudiated of the floor of the Senate—declaring that it was an entirely new construction; something of which he had never heard. He never dreamed of such a construction being given to the language of the treaty. Does any man suppose (Clayton says) that in the possession of any sense, entered into a treaty with Britain to allow her to remain in possession of the whole of this isthmus, merely because she had been in possession of it, and then signed a treaty to prohibit my own countrymen from taking possession, leaving her to remain undisturbed?

Mr. Cass declared in all Mr. Clayton had said, and declared that the course of Great Britain in the matter entirely unprejudiced in diplomatic history.

Mr. Seward announced he was prepared to stand up and support the Clayton treaty, and said he had, if the British government could not be held to that treaty, he was ready to go further. He was ready for the energetic and practical maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

The differences between our government and that of Great Britain, on this subject, are undoubtedly serious, and look somewhat irreconcilable, but we have no real fear that they will lead to war. The treaty is indeed substantially repudiated by Great Britain, but the firm stand taken by our government will probably cause her to retract from any offensive assertion of territorial rights in Central America. She will prefer to relinquish them rather than fight us.

The question of the Sound Dues is the most important matter treated in the message. And here too, the country will sustain the general principle laid down by the President; it will hardly think the extreme assertion of the principle, with which, at the same time, we are to war with Denmark and all maritime Europe, to back her, rather than pay her the dues, an \$800,000 per, or \$250,000, a fair portion of the expenditure money for which Denmark will relinquish the tax forever.

In his view of our foreign relations, generally, the President takes ground that will commend itself to the judgment of the nation.

Not to touch the subject of slavery and the constitutional duty of the States is a topic which occupies a large part of the remainder of the message. Part of it is as disagreeable to him as to most other persons, he is honorable.

It is little that a special plea for the South, and for the Southern views, and is presented with an entirely false coloring of the constitutional relations of the States to each other and to the Union. It is the President's views on correction is it constitutionally impossible for any limit whatever to be placed upon the extension of slavery on this continent. He takes, in fact, entirely the Southern view of the controversy, but he substantially denies the right of Congress to prohibit slavery, not in the States merely, but nobody contends for that in the States merely, and in no State does anybody assume to understand the principles of our government, and its design respecting slavery, better than the fathers of the Republic did themselves, for they sanctioned the principle of slavery restriction by the national government, when they sanctioned the ordinance of 1787, under the old Confederation, and sanctioned it by their words and deeds after wards; and that pure patriot and profound statesman John Quincy Adams, himself almost co-existent with the Constitution, declared just before he died, that he considered the principles of that ordinance as strongly binding upon the great Northern Territory, that even the States now carved out of it would have no right to establish slavery within their limits. Pierce, however, says that the restriction was entirely wiped away even from the Territory, by the adoption of the Constitution. He also has the assurance to declare that the Missouri Compromise had no more solemnity as a compact than any other law of Congress, and that the face of the country by declaring that we have no right to interfere with slavery in our own national territories. He boldly proclaims, then, that the refusal to admit any Republican States, whatever the domestic or social institutions, would be dishonour, and equivalent to a dissolution of the Union. This doctrine would place the United States to the absurd and contemptible position of having bound themselves to admit any and every community, which might possess any portion of our vast domain, and acquire the requisite numbers to full and equal power with themselves, however wicked and abominable might be the domestic habits, social relations or religious beliefs of their people. It would prohibit Com-

mission from making the same free objection to brotherhood.

We will all consent further upon this subject of which the President speaks so freely to the people. We have no objection to the subject.

The Boston Journal, which expresses the views of our southern friends, writes as follows:

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